B.A.R.G. NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Ballarat Amateur Radio Group. Inc. #6953T
ABN 44 247 200 143
VOLUME 26 ISSUE 3 **APRIL 2003**

PRESIDENT: Gordon Cornell VK3FGC
SECRETARY: Tom George VK3DMK
TREASURER: Bob Terrill VK3BNC

NEXT MEETING - **FRIDAY 2ND MAY**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

e-mail circulation.

The first attempt at e-mail circulation of the news letter has been a success, with only two being returned. This was partly our fault as we had the wrong e-mail address, so if you change your e-mail address **please** notify the club.

Thanks to David VK3UR for the circulation effort.

We still have to send out a number by post, to other radio clubs and those members who do not have e-mail. Those with e-mail should have received another message reminding them of some Club dates.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

REMINDER At the next Club meeting we will have to set a date for the George Fowler Memorial auction day. Start to collect you items now!!

DATES

APRIL meeting will NOT be on 25 Apr (being the last Friday in the month) **but Friday 2 May at 7.30 pm. Note the new starting time for the Autumn/Winter period**

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3rd Wednesday in the month) will also start at 7.30.

Friday Dining: The next Friday "Pub" Dinner is at the Queen's Head Hotel in Humffray Street North at 6.30 PM on Anzac day 25 Apr 2003. Let Bob VK3BNC if you and/or your partner are attending Bob's phone no is 5339 5317.

Midland Hamfest: Doug VK3VBA is trying to organize a trip to Castlemaine Sunday 27 Apr 03. to this event . Please contact Doug on 53323565 if you are interested. By 18 April.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Construction 5 have nearly finished their attenuators with two already being tested., So now the next project is being considered.

There are two projects being considered. 1. a pre-amp for fox hunting and 2. building portable yagi for the same thing. Club members should join the group-NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED –LEARN ON THE JOB.

The longer range idea is to add to club activities by developing our fox hunting ability and have our own hunts expanding to inter club hunts.

Construction nights are on Monday nights as arranged by the group

New Equipment: As a result of the construction activity the Committee agreed to purchase three new soldering stations and associated equipment, which has been supplied.

WANTED TO KNOW: Who has the aerial analyzer- if you have it please return ASAP as other members want to use it. If you know who has it please give them a nudge to return it. URGENT!!

BALLARAT AMATEUR RADIO GROUP inc, Minutes 28th March 2003

Meeting opened at 8:00pm by Gordon VK3FGC

Apologies: CAZ, Shielagh, BVI, Pat, AXH, DCS, ADB, CFH

Visitors VK3NBV, VK3BMY,Len and VK3BEB, Rick

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Construction Night: Great night had by all, attenuators being built, next night 7th April 7:30pm Club Rooms CIS/ BNC

First newsletter sent electronically, 23 out of 46 issues. UR

Suggestion HF Mobil/Port night outside of Ballarat to call into NET run from BARG Club rooms. Investigate possibilities. Moved LYD/AIG

Next Gen Meeting 2nd May 2003 due to usual night being ANZAC Day.

Next pub night Queens Head, 6:30pm 25th April contact Bob VK3BNC.

Bob BNC produced a budget/forcast of BARG financial situation with revision needed on some club expenses and incomes BNC

Midland ARC hamvention at Castlemaine Sunday April 27th, contact Doug VBA before 18th April if interested in going by bus. VBA

Possible expedition to aquire big dish antenna, Investigation to check possibilities Moved LYD/AIG

BBQ lunch, Working bee to clear up tree fallen in back yard at BARG, 10:30am Sat 5th April.

VK3BNC won mystery prize set up during meeting, thanks to Doug VBA.

Meeting Closed 9:10pm

VK3BNC gave presentation of program to generate tones for IRLP that also has memory facility for regularly used codes.
-27683-0--

e-mail addresses

If any member knows of e-mail addresses we should have on the mailing list, please let the president know.

Tom George

At the last committee meeting a letter from Tom VK3DMK submitting his resignation as Club secretary was received.

Tom has been the Secretary for the last one & a half years, run the Novice classes for about 12 years and Hamvention coordinator for 10 years & again last year. Tom has also resigned from conducting the novice classes and Hamvention coordinator.

Tom will be missed from these positions-Thanks Tom for your all that work!!

BEES GONE

After a number of attempts and using persistent techniques we have finally got rid of the bees that have hived in the west wall of the Clubrooms. They were getting so persistent that they have been found in the radio room. There also was a smell in the radio room, but that seems to have gone as well. But at this stage we still seem to have the possum in residence!!!

Tree Down

During the last month the gum tree in the backyard split down the middle and is to be removed around the week-end of 12 Apr 03. This lead to a small working bee on Saturday 5 Apr 03 which did some clean-up of our area including the storm water drains. Thanks to the workers.

STOP PRESS –The analyzer has been found.

NEXT MEETING Remember 2nd May 2003.